

INDIANA PLATFORM O. K.'D UNOPPOSED

Public Service Law Attacked.
Administration Commended.
State Ticket Chosen.

By the Associated Press.
INDIANAPOLIS, May 26.—Adoption of a platform commending the republican national state administration and the renomination of the present state officials as the party's state ticket at the November election marked the closing session here of the republican state convention.

Coming as a surprise was the platform plank favoring abolition of the state public service commission, or amendment of the commission law so as "to make it responsive to the people's welfare." Vain last minute efforts were made by Gov. Warren T. McCray and other state officials to keep the plank from going before the convention. The governor's conference with the platform committee, however, succeeded in having the committee withdraw its plank for repeal of the state tax board's authority over bond issues by local municipalities.

The endorsement of the national administration included the declaration that the Washington conference on armaments resulted in the "greatest single move ever made toward the end of all war." The state administration was to "stand out as an efficient and businesslike administration."

No debate over the platform developed on the convention floor, the delegates accepting it as reported by the committee, without comment or a dissenting vote. No reference was made in the platform to any change in the present direct primary law, although in advance of the convention there was much discussion as to the advisability of proposing a return to the convention system of nominations.

In the only contest for a place on

WARSHIP SHOOT PLANE INTO 60-MILE SPEED WITHIN TWO SECONDS

By the Associated Press.
SCOTTSBORO, Ala., May 26.—From the stationary to a speed of sixty miles an hour in one and four-fifths seconds was attained by a two-seated spotting seaplane successfully launched by the flagship Maryland's catapult at Yorktown yesterday.

The catapult is a modification of the mechanism used by the Navy since 1911, and requires a run of but sixty feet to impart an initial speed of sixty miles an hour.

The test, which was witnessed by representatives of the Navy Department, the Navy's bureau of aeronautics, the Army air service and civilian officials from Washington, of the naval air station at Hampton roads and of the aircraft carrier ship Langley.

The Vought plane used in the test was piloted by Lieut. McFall, and the observer was Lieut. Commander Ramsey, aviation aide to the commander-in-chief, and the launching was supervised by Admiral Hilary P. Jones, fleet commander, and Admiral Long, his chief of staff.

the state ticket, Patrick J. Lynch, clerk of the supreme court, defeated Henry A. Roberts of this city. The convention also accepted and ratified the official return of the vote cast at the recent primary nominating Albert J. Beveridge as the party's candidate for United States senator. The nine unopposed nominees for the state ticket follow:

For secretary of state, Ed. Jackson; state auditor, William G. Oliver; state treasurer, Ora J. Davies; superintendent of public instructions, Benjamin J. Harris; supreme court judge, David A. Myers; appellate court judges, Alonzo L. Nichols, Charles F. Remy, Solon A. Enloe and W. C. McMahon.

Florida now claims to have more acres of water adapted to the raising of oysters than any other state in the Union.

DEPUTY IS ATTACKED.

Virginia Officer Wrests Knife From Assailant's Hand.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

STAUNTON, Va., May 26.—An attack on Deputy Sheriff W. L. Palmer of Fordwick, this county, was made when B. N. Hite of near Churchville, attacked him with a "frog-sticker"

pocketknife. The attack occurred as the deputy emerged from the county jail after locking up Frank Hite, a son of the man.

Witnesses declare that the elder Hite made a lunge at Palmer the minute he came from the jail, but that the deputy did not see his assailant and proceeded to cross the street. Hite, it is alleged, muttering curses and swearing he would kill Palmer, ran after him across the street near the county courthouse and

again attempted to stab him. Palmer caught his upraised arm and wrested the knife from him. He then locked his assailant up in jail with his son. The son was arrested, according to county officers, on a warrant sworn out by George Bare, near Churchville, charging him with selling some of Bare's sheep without his knowledge.

The first British navigation act was passed in 1381.

DOUBT TAYLOR SUSPECT.

Authorities Question Doran's Connection With Murder.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 26.—County authorities express doubt that Frank A. (Mac) Doran of Chicago, arrested yesterday near Fishkill village, seventeen miles southeast of this city, had any connection with the murder

of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director. Doran asserted that he could not remember having told Herbert Barnhart of Waterbury, Conn., a chauffeur, who caused his arrest, that he had been implicated in the killing. County authorities said that the prisoner's photograph and finger prints would be sent to Chicago in an attempt to check his record.

Canada possesses nearly half the water-power of the world.

VACATION FOR CURZON.

British Foreign Secretary Ordered by Doctors to Rest Six Weeks.

LONDON, May 26.—Marquis Curzon, secretary for foreign affairs, has been ordered by his physicians to take a complete rest for six weeks. The Earl of Balfour will act as foreign secretary pro tem.

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